

Interview Summary	Application No. 09/817,018	Applicant(s) EBINUMA ET AL. #13
	Examiner Hung Henry V Nguyen	Art Unit 2851

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Hung Henry V Nguyen. (3) ____.
- (2) Shawn W. Fraser. (4) ____.

Date of Interview: 24 July 2003.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 34.

Identification of prior art discussed: AAPA of fig.11 and 6,118, 599.

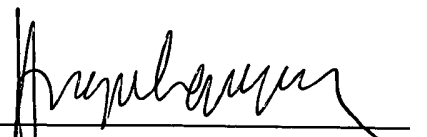
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant submitted proposed amendment and discussed differences between invention and cited references. Applicant argues that neither AAPA of fig.11 nor Spinali disclose an elastic member placed between the first and second supporting members as recited in claims 1 and 34. The Examiner appreciated differences as described. However, no agreement was reached. The Examiner respectfully suggests the applicant to include the limitations of claim 2 into independent claim 1 and to include the limitations of claim 38 (or claim 39) into independent claim 34 in order to further amplify the distinctions between the claimed invention and cited prior art and thus to place the application under condition for allowance.